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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING***

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On March 21, 2009, at approximately 2:25am, San Antonio Police Officer Joseph Flores, a 2 ½ veteran, was in the area of Spur St. and Westrock St. when he heard several gunshots coming from a vehicle in the same intersection. That particular car was also spinning its tires as it spun in circles. When Officer Flores approached the car, he saw two occupants and then noticed one of them to be armed with a handgun. Officer Flores then saw the armed occupant raise his weapon as if to fire again. Fearing for his safety, Officer Flores fired several shots from his service weapon into the suspect car. After firing the shots, the suspect car fled the intersection with Officer Flores following on foot. The suspect car ultimately stopped in the 7700 blk of Buckboard, where the two occupants were taken into custody by Officer Flores. It was then discovered that the passenger in the car was shot in a leg and was subsequently transported to Wilford Hall Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A handgun was recovered in the suspect car.

The identity of both suspects will be released once official charges are filed.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Flores will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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